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Report of the Government of Indonesia

Summary**

In the report, the Geospatial Information Agency of Indonesia, as the new national geographical names authority of Indonesia, reports the activities performed since the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, held in 2012. The highlights are the change of the national names authority and the submission of a new gazetteer of islands in Indonesia. In addition, progress in the development of the toponym data acquisition system is reported.

Other toponym activities performed by the Geospatial Information Agency, as well as other institutions, including the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and the University of Indonesia, are reported, such as:

- Toponym surveys and the standardization of islands and natural and man-made features throughout Indonesia
- Seminars, meetings and training programmes on toponymy in Indonesia, including those to be held later in 2017
- Research and publications relating to toponyms
- The involvement of Indonesia in the Asia South-East Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

Problems raised in the report include challenges resulting from the change of the national names authority and issues relating to exonyms that need to be resolved.

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** The full report was prepared by the Geospatial Information Agency of Indonesia. The report is available from http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnConf11.html, in the language of submission only, as document E/CONF.105/86/CRP.86.

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